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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2002,
please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 29 as follows. Please cancel
claims 2-5, 11-15, and 28 without prejudice.

1. (Amended) A method comprising:
defining a plurality of hardware devices as a plurality of
objects, wherein the plurality of hardware devices comprise a
redundant array of independent disks;
providing a plurality of tools to perform a plurality of
operations on the plurality of objects;
executing a software program to use the plurality of tools;
and

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